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1. About 28 October 1950 there were approximately 40 United States Negro soldiers, prisoners of war (POW's), resting at the side of the road twelve kilometers south of Kanggye (126-36, 40-58) (BA 9837). The POW's appeared to be weakened by maltreatment and lack of nourishment. They wore no uniforms, some having cotton clothing or straw mats wrapped around their bodies. They were guarded by North Korean army personnel.
2. In early November 1950 the bodies of approximately 100 Republic of Korea (ROK) and U.S. POW's were seen in a school yard on the northeast outskirts of Changsong. Rusted M-1's and carbines were stacked in the yard. In mid-November, on the road between Kosanjin (126-08, 41-03) (BA 5940) and Man'ojin (126-17, 41-09) and about 15 kilometers from Kosanjin, there were burned out trucks and a large number of Chinese troops who had been killed by air attacks.
3. On 1 August 1951 there were 150 white and 100 negro U.S. POW's and 50 ROK POW's encamped in an orchard at the base of the mountain two kilometers northeast of Chongju (125-13, 39-41) (XD 9095) Railroad Station. The ROK prisoners received daily two hour lectures on politics.¹
4. Refugees from the Wonsan area, who were being forcibly evacuated to Manchuria, were moving north along the road between P'ungsan (128-09, 40-49) (DA 2818) and Hyesanjin (128-11, 41-24) (DA 3283) on 23 August 1951.

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1. Comment. Two hundred U.S. prisoners of war were reported to be in the camp two kilometers east of the town of Chongju

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